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155. (New) A central controller for a gaming system that includes a plurality of game terminals, the central controller comprising:

a database to store player account balances for a plurality of players;

an interface to receive, from the plurality of game terminals, game information on a per-game basis; and

a processor to adjust a player account balance on a per-game basis.

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156. (New) The central controller of claim 155, wherein the processor adjusts a player account balance after each game for which a wager amount is received by the game terminals.

157. (New) The central controller of claim 155, wherein the interface receives game information comprising at least one of the wager amount, result of the game, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and a time.

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 53, 60, 64, 67, 72, 73, 80, 84, 87, 92, 93, 98, 99, 106-108, 112-115, 119-123, and 143 and added claims 145-157 to more broadly define the claimed invention and, at the same time, continue to distinguish the prior art. Unlike the prior art, the claimed invention requires updating of player account information on a per-game basis. Applicants have likewise amended the Summary of

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the Invention. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

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